Claim 18, line 1: Change "claims 1 and 17," to -- claim 1, --.

Change "claims 1 and 18," to -- claim 1, --. Claim 19, lines 1 and 2:

Change "claims 1-18" to -- claim 1 --. Claim 20, lines 1 and 2:

Change "claims 1-18" to -- claim 1 --Claim 21, lines 1 and 2:

Change "claims 1-18" to -- claim 1 --, Claim 23, lines 1 and 2:

Change "claims 11 and 12" to -- claim 11 --. Claim 24, lines 1 and 2:

Change "claims 1 and 18," to -- claim 1, --. Claim 25, line 1:

Change "claims 26 to 31," to -- claim 26, --. Claim 32, line 1:

Claim 33, (Amended.) Use of [the] compounds [according to one of claims 19 to 23,] which

consist of combinations of stable or quasistable ferrimagnetic or ferromagnetic substances with

structure-specific substances in processes according to claim[s] 27 [to 32].

Change "claims 27 to 32," to -- claim 27, --. Claim 35, lines 1 and 2:

Change "claims 26 to 32," to -- claim 26, --. Claim 36, lines 1 and 2:

Claim 37, lines 1 and 2: Change "claims 26 to 32," to -- claim 26, --.

Change "claims 36 and 37" to -- claim 36, --. Claim 38, line 1:

REMARKS

The principal purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to avoid the multiply dependent claim fees.

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